

Commerce Committee members,

At a time when we are trying to save our planet, including consuming less meat and more plant based foods, we do not need to exploit yet another animal by the factory-like farming of rabbits. This proposal is archaic.

Consider these facts:

1- Rabbits are the third most common household pet after dogs and cats.  
2- Due to public pressure, Petco and PetSmart stopped selling pet rabbits. They now only display rescue rabbits for adoption – the same treatment they give to dogs and cats.

3-Whole Foods and other specialty stores stopped selling rabbit meat after concluding there was no market for sales.

4-The multi-billion-dollar cosmetic industry has been moving away from using rabbits and other animals in their testing programs due to consumer pressure.

5-While the rest of the country has recognized and elevated rabbits as pets, CT is taking a step backward in proposing this initiative.

Please **VOTE NO on HB 5263**.

Thank you for your consideration.

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